

**MT. PLEASANT TWP. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2009**

The meeting of August 26, 2009, was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman Dinsmore with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Those present were: William L. Dinsmore, Chairman (WD), Larry H. Grimm, Vice-Chairman (LG), Shane D. Maga, Supervisor (SM), William A. Johnson, Solicitor (WJ), Larry Chome, Zoning Officer (LC), Mary Ann Stevenson, Secretary (MS), and those citizens listed on the attached sheet.

**Public Comments:**

1.) Cheryl Whaley (CW), 84 Main. St., Hickory concerning the Main Street Project. CW wanted the BOS to know her concerns regarding the Main Street Project and that she was not in favor of the project. Some of her concerns were: a narrowing of the road between Wabash and Washington Ave.; more clutter; hard to see pulling out of driveways due to parking spaces; not attractive having parking spots up against homes; creates dangerous conditions; will lower property values. CW added she is not in favor of the project and will not sign the agreement.

2.) Marie Pascuzzi, 62 main St., Hickory added that the obstructed view from parked vehicles makes it too dangerous to pull out of driveways and that every property has off street parking that she knows of. She noted that she was very upset with Mr. Hnat for his pressure tactics to get her to sign the agreement. She stated that she is not in favor of the project and will not sign the agreement.

3.) Mike Cerciello from Main St., stated he is not in favor of the project due to the parking situation in front of his house and added how difficult it is to pull in and out of his driveway (he noted that he brings large pieces of heavy equipment home and has a trailer to maneuver). He added that he works for Penn DOT and that only Dist. 12 approved the design plans but Harrisburg has not and will not approve of the parking as designed in his opinion. He noted that he was also upset with Mr. Hnat due to his pressuring and will not sign the agreement.

4.) Linda (White) Klimek, owns 76 Main St., Hickory and now lives on Baker Road and stated that she has not received any correspondence regarding the project and has never received an agreement to sign. She added that after looking at the drawings and talking with Wilbur Smith that she might lose her steps to her porch and that her porch will lead right onto a sidewalk and a parking space. She stated that it is very dangerous to see pulling out of her driveway and that adding parking spaces will make it even more dangerous. She added that she is trying to sell the property and the comments as to why she hasn't been able to sell it was the property was too close to the road and that was before she lost frontage to the Main Street Project. She stated she will not sign the agreement.

5.) Martha Bell stated she has concerns about the parking as well and would like to know where they are going to move her fence and shrubs to. She added that the agreements states relocate but it doesn't say to where.

6.) There were other residents in attendance regarding the Main Street Project in addition to and in conjunction with those residents identified above who were all speaking at the same time and not identifying themselves for the record.

7.) Paul Battista (PB), 28 Johnson Rd., McDonald asked if the committee had the authorization to condemn resident's property and WJ stated that they did not have that authority. PB questioned the erosion where Hy Bridge was demolished and WD stated that the Engineer (HMT & Assoc.) was working with the contractor to find a solution. PB also mentioned the screeching cars on Johnson Road that do not follow the speed limit and asked if something was going to be done with Johnson Road to correct the sharp turn. WD responded that once the Lesnick litigation issues were resolved that would be addressed. PB then gave his Municipal Authority Report: He stated that he met with the DEP, the RUS and Jesse White regarding sewage funding and it was suggested that they apply for slots (LSA) Funding. PB added that they are still attempting to get a Resolution of support from Cecil Township for Antil Street as required by the DEP to get the Act 537 Plan approved. At this time the BOS for Cecil Twp. held a public meeting to investigate the issue further with residents. PB added that it appeared that Cecil and South View residents were receptive to it.

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Reports

The following reports, if any, were submitted for the Board's review and are on file at the Municipal Office:

- Zoning Officer's Report – Since last meeting
- Public Safety Report – 7/21/09 – 8/25/09
- Public Works Report – Since last meeting
- Planning Commission Minutes – 8/3/09
- Parks & Recreation Report – None
- Municipal Authority Minutes – None
- Midway Sewage Minutes – 7/7/09
- Cross Creek Valley Region Minutes - None
- Washington County Sewage Council Report - None
- MPT Volunteer Fire Dept. Report - July, 2009
- Wilbur Smith – Revitalize Main Street Project Minutes – None
- Treasurer's Report - July, 2009
- Correspondence for the period of 7/22/09 – 8/25/09

► LG motioned to accept the reports as given and SM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. **Bills:** LG motioned to authorize payment of the invoices for the period of 7/22/09 – 8/25/09 as presented and SM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. **Minutes:** WD motioned to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2009 regular board meeting and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Ordinance #115:** LG motioned to adopt Ordinance #115, an Ordinance rescinding Ordinance #52, Chapter 182; Article IV providing for Tax Abatement as the mechanisms for implementing this Ordinance are no longer in place and WD seconded the motion. SM abstained. The motion carried.
4. **Cooperation Agreement w/ Redevelopment Authority for LSA Funding:** LG motioned to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County for the LSA Program Grant in the amount of \$92,185 and WD seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items: *(board members may elect to discuss items presented to them since the last meeting)*

None.

Unfinished Business:

1. Vacancy on the Board of Auditors (Elected) to replace Benjamin Libert who possibly moved out of the township.
  - Per MS, messages were left for Mr. Libert on 8/18 and 8/26 urging him to send in a resignation letter with no response. WJ stated that it is unconstitutional for the BOS to remove him and that there are legal proceedings to follow through the Governors Office.
    - SM motioned to have WJ start the proceedings through the Governors Office to have him removed and LG seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Executive Session:** WD called an Executive Session at 7:38 pm to discuss the Lesnick Litigation matter and a personnel matter. The regular meeting resumed at 7:52 pm.

▶ LG motioned to have WJ draft an Ordinance creating the position of a Township Manager and WD seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

▶ LG motioned to promote Sergeant McQuillan to Chief of Police effective immediately with a \$0.50 per hour increase and SM seconded the motion adding that the increase in salary is to be retro-active to the pay period involved. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** LG motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm and SM seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Stevenson  
Secretary – Treasurer  
Mount Pleasant Township  
Board of Supervisors